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## MAR 0 1 2002 RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 14, 2002, Applicants make the following remarks.

## REMARKS

The January 14, 2002 Office Action required a restriction between Group I, claims 1 - 7, drawn to methods for aeration of yeast, and Group II, claims 8-10, drawn to fermented products.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1 - 7, without traverse and without prejudice to filing a divisional application on Group II, claims 8-10.

No fee is considered necessary to enter the above response. However, if any fees are deemed necessary,

please charge Deposit Account 17-0055 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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